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Summary

At its 2017 regular session, held from 30 January to 8 February and on 24 February 2017, the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations had before it 524 applications for consultative status, including 235 applications deferred from earlier sessions. Of the non-governmental organizations submitting those applications, the Committee recommended 269 for consultative status, deferred 221 for further consideration at its resumed session in 2017 and closed without prejudice consideration of the 31 applications of non-governmental organizations that had failed to respond to queries over two consecutive sessions of the Committee. The Committee also had before it five requests for reclassification of consultative status; it recommended granting two of those requests and deferred its consideration of the other three. The Committee considered seven requests for a change of name, took note of six of those requests and deferred one. It also had before it 450 quadrennial reports, of which it took note of 352. The Committee heard 15 representatives of the 198 non-governmental organizations that attended the session.

The present report contains seven draft decisions on matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council.

By draft decision I, the Council would:

(a) Grant consultative status to 269 non-governmental organizations;

(b) Reclassify the consultative status of two non-governmental organizations;

(c) Note that the Committee decided to take note of the change of name of six non-governmental organizations;

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(d) Note that the Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of 352 non-governmental organizations, including new and deferred reports;

(e) Close without prejudice consideration of the requests for consultative status made by 31 non-governmental organizations after the organizations had failed to respond to queries over the course of two consecutive sessions of the Committee;

(f) Close the applications of İstanbul Fikir Araştırmaları Derneğiand Hazar Strateji Enstitüsü Derneği;

(g) Decide not to grant consultative status to the non-governmental organization Christian Solidarity Worldwide.

By draft decision II, the Council would decide to withdraw the consultative status of the non-governmental organization Kimse Yok Mu.

By draft decision III, the Council would decide to withdraw the consultative status of the non-governmental organization Gazeteciler ve Yazarlar Vakfi.*

By draft decision IV, the Council would decide to withdraw the consultative status of the non-governmental organization Turkiye Isadamlari ve Sanayiciler Konfederasyonu.

By draft decision V, the Council would take note of the decision by the Committee that it cannot contact or communicate with the three organizations whose legal status has ceased to exist and, based on that, whose consultative status was recommended for withdrawal at its 1st meeting, on 30 January 2017.

By draft decision VI, the Council would take note of the withdrawal of consultative status requested by one non-governmental organization.

By draft decision VII, the Council would take note of the present report.

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I. Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention

Draft decisions for adoption by the Council

1. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

Draft decision I
Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations

The Economic and Social Council decides:

(a) To grant consultative status to the following 269 non-governmental organizations:

Special consultative status

5 Gyres Institute

Action sécurité éthique républicaines

Adaamasunle Foundation

African Development Assistance Consult

African Green Foundation International

African Woman and Child Feature Service

Agence de développement économique et social

Agro Professional Care Foundation-Yola

Al Baraem Association for Charitable Work

Amis des enfants

Amis du Projet Imagine

Apostolic Ministerial International Network

Ashiana Collective Development Council

Asistencia Legal por los Derechos Humanos

Asociatia Tehnopol Galati

Asocio Esperanto Radikala

Association AMOR

Association de l'éducation environnementale pour les futures générations

Association de lutte contre la pauvreté

Association des femmes pour la paix et encadrement des familles

Association for Development, Education and Labour

Association for Promotion Sustainable Development

Association for Rural Area Social Modification, Improvement and Nestling

Association gabonaise pour les Nations Unies

Association MIMAN

Association nationale des échanges entre jeunes

Association nationale du civisme

Association of Christian Counsellors of Nigeria

Association of the Egyptian Female Lawyers

Association of Youths with Vision

Association pour l'éducation et la santé de la femme et de l'enfant

Association pour le développement culturel

Association pour le développement durable, la promotion des droits humains et la lutte contre la pauvreté

Association respect Cameroun

Association solidarité pour les personnes vivant le veuvage

Association tunisienne de la santé de la réproduction

Association Un monde avenir

Associazione per i Diritti Umani e la Tolleranza

Avabe Initiative for Community Development

Ballerina Management Institute

Bangladesh Jatiyo Mahila Ainjibi Samity

Barrackpore Elderly Care Society

Ben Newman Hope Care Foundation

Better World

Biedrība "Donum Animus"

Blessing for Romania World Ministry

Blood Donors Organisation for Social Service, Pakala

Books to Africa International

Build Africa

Bureau d'informations, formations, échanges et recherches pour le développement

Burleson Institute

Campanha Latino-Americana pelo Direito à Educação — Brasil

Canadian Centre on Disability Studies

Caribbean Policy Development Centre

CDP Worldwide

Center for the Global Study of Social Enterprise

Center for the Human Rights of Users and Survivors of Psychiatry

Center of Food Industries Association

Centre africain d'échange culturel

Centre d'action pour le développement rural

Centre d'éducation et de développement pour les enfants mauriciens

Centre d'information et de promotion de l'image d'une nouvelle Afrique

Centre d'observation et de promotion de l'état de droit

Centre for Convention on Democratic Integrity

Centre for Corrections and Human Development

Centre for Gerontological Studies

Centre for Peace, Culture and Environmental Studies

Centre for Women Studies and Intervention

Change Managers International Network

Chikka Federation of India

Child Soldiers International

Cities of Peace

Combite pour la paix et le développement

Community Active in Development Association

Community Research and Development Organization

Congregation of the Mission

Congressional Black Caucus Political Education and Leadership Institute

Consultation Evaluation Education

Coordination nationale des associations des consommateurs

Cornerstone Mount Group

Council of Technical Education and Training

Cultural Meeting Foundation

Death Penalty Focus

Department of Political Science and Public Administration of the University of Athens Alumni Association

DESSI International

DHRUVH-Social Awareness Forum

Diligent Care for Creative Intelligence Development

Disability Organisations Joint Front

Disability Rights Fund

Distance Education for Africa

DIYNGO

Drug Policy Australia

Dynamic Youth Development Organization

East Africa Consortium International

El Ghad Essihi pour le développement et la protection de l'environnement en Mauritanie

Enosh — Israeli Mental Health Association

Entrepreneurship Development and Support Initiative

Environment Conservation Organization — Foundation for Afforestation, Wild Animals and Nature

Equal Rights for Persons with Disabilities International

Équilibres et populations

ERAN — "Israel's Association for Emotional First Aid via the Telephone, in memory of Dr. A. Zaslany"

EUROGEO

Europe Business Assembly

European Network on Independent Living

Fairways Accommodation Support Trust

Fédération internationale des coalitions pour la diversité culturelle

Finance Center for South-South Cooperation

First Ladies' Initiative

Fondation espoir et vie

Fondation Kalipa pour le développement

Fondation vivons ensemble

Fondazione Proclade Internazionale

Forum Droghe Associazione Movimento per il Contenimento dei Danni

Foundation for Disabled Women

Foundation of International Servant Leadership Exchange Association

Friendasia

Fundação Museu do Futuro

Fundacja Instytut na rzecz Kultury Prawnej Ordo Iuris

Girls Education Mission International

Global Fund for Widows

Global Health Review

Global Initiative for Inclusive Information and Communication Technologies

Global Institute for Water, Environment and Health

Grameen Development and Poverty Alleviation Sangstha

Green L'ght Project

Guinée humanitaire

Habitat Alliance

Hacey's Health Initiative

Hashoo Foundation

Heal the Planet Global Organisation

Health of Mother Earth Foundation

Healthy Caribbean Coalition

Hip-Hop Dance Conservatory Foundation

Holly Heart United

Holt Children's Services

Holt International Children's Services

Honeypot Village

Human Appeal International (United Kingdom)

Human Development Society, the Gambia

Human Rights Consortium

Humanitarian Ambassadors

Idara-i-Talim-o-Aaghai (Centre for Education and Consciousness) Public Trust

Initiative: Eau

Institute for Youth Development

International Association for Hospice and Palliative Care

International Emergency and Development Aid

International Human Rights Protector's Group

International Institute of Space Law

International Movement for Advancement of Education Culture Social and Economic Development

International Network of Women Engineers and Scientists

International Port Community Systems Association

International Society for the Study of Trauma and Dissociation

ISKCON Communications International

Jus Cogens

Kadın ve Demokrasi Derneği

Karlen Communications

Kathak Academy

Kids and Teens Resource Centre

Kırmızı Biber Derneği

Kuwaiti Society for Autism

Lady Fatemah (A.S.) Charitable Trust

Landsrådet for Norges barne-og ungdomsorganisasjoner

Le pont

Leadership Initiative for Transformation and Empowerment

Leading Association Alryada for Development Studies and Human Rights

Legal Resources Centre

Let's Breakthrough

Light House

Lightup Foundation

Lotus Initiative for the Blind

Maawandoon

Maher

Major Groups Partnership on Forests

Makhzoumi Foundation

Man Up Campaign US

Manav Seva Sansthan

Mandala Transformation Foundation

Manusher Jonno Foundation

Marin Experimental Teaching, Training and Advising Center

Mayan Families

Monde des possibles

Mouvement de la paix

Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies

National Council of Catholic Women

National Organization for Global Education

National Society for Human Rights

New Era Educational and Charitable Support Initiative

Newline Social Organization

Next Century Foundation

Novant Health

Observatoire du crime organisé

Onhappy Corporation

Organisation constellée pour le développement économique et social de la commune des Gonaïves

Organisation mauritanienne pour la lutte contre l'extrémisme et pour l'appui à l'unité nationale

Organisation non gouvernementale des cercles nationaux de réflexion sur la jeunesse

Orphelins, déplacés et incarcérés de Côte d'Ivoire

P3 Foundation

Partnership Network International

Peace and Development Organization

Peace and Livelihood Support Organisation

Peacebuilders International

People and Police for Egypt for Culture and Scientific Services

People of Good Heart

Pleaders of Children and Elderly People at Risk "PEPAINGO"

Prajachaitanya Yuvajana Sangam

Public Association Women's Organization "ALGA"

Quintessential Business Women Association

RADION International Foundation

Regional Institute of Health, Medicine and Research

Réseau communautaire pour le pauvre

Réseau des femmes africaines pour la gestion communautaire des forêts

Réseau guinéen des organisations des personnes handicapées pour la promotion de la convention internationale sur les droits des personnes handicapées

Réseau national des organisations féminines pour la démocratie, la décentralisation, le développement durable et les droits humains du Mali (ou Réseau Wassa)

Results Educational Fund

RINJ Foundation

Rural Planning and Developmental Organization

Rural Relief Foundation

Rural Women's Network Nepal

Rwanda Women Community Development Network

Safe Campaign

Save the Earth Cambodia

SEALOEarth Corporation

SERAC-Bangladesh

Seventh Generation Fund for Indigenous Peoples

Shirazi Foundation

ShOObh Group Welfare Society

Sivil Yaşam Derneği

Social Economic and Governance Promotion Centre

Society for Protection of Street and Working Children

Society of Research Administrators International

Society to Heighten Awareness of Women and Children Abuse

SOS Rassismus und Diskriminierung Schweiz

South Caucasus Office on Drugs and Crime

Special Talent Exchange Programme

Stichting KidsRights

Stichting War Child

Strategy for Mentoring Initiative and Leadership Empowerment

Sukalyan Welfare Society

Sulabh International Centre for Action Sociology

Sustainable Development for Vulnerable Peoples in Bangladesh

Swasti

Takshila Education

Tamil Uzhagam

Thalassaemia International Federation

Translators without Borders — US

Truth Foundation

Türkiye İş Kadınları Derneği

Turnstone Global

UP Planning and Development Research Foundation

Ugonma Foundation

Ukrainian Charity Fund "Social Partnership"

Unchained at Last

Union C

United States Pharmacopeial Convention

United Zo Organization (USA)

urbaMonde — Suisse

US Climate Plan

Utpidit Samaj Sarokar Kendra, Pokhara

Virutcham Magalir Munnetra Kalzangiam

Women and Community Livelihood Foundation

Women Educators Association of Nigeria

Women Enabled

Women of Africa

Women with Disabilities Australia

World Forum for Ethics in Business

World Peace Volunteers

World Share

Young Heart Foundation

Zahra Trust

(b) To reclassify the following two non-governmental organizations:

From the Roster to general consultative status: Institute of International Law

From the Roster to special consultative status: World Council for Curriculum and Instruction

(c) To note that the Committee decided to take note of the change of name of the following six non-governmental organizations:

Bakhtar Development Network Switzerland (special, 2014) to Action for Development (Suisse)

International Federation of Family Associations of Missing Persons from Armed Conflicts (special, 2006) to Families of the Missing

NeuroCare Ethiopia (special, 2013) to Global NeuroCare

Stichting Rutgers WPF (special, 2004) to Rutgers

Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church (special, 2014) to United Methodist Women

World of Hope International (special, 2008) to World Organization of Governance and Competitiveness

(d) To note that the Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of the following 352 non-governmental organizations:[1]

Abiodun Adebayo Welfare Foundation

Academic Council on the United Nations System

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (2011-2014)

Academy of Mining Sciences

ACT Alliance — Action by Churches Together

Action Canada for Population and Development

Africa Humanitarian Action

African Agency for Integrated Development

African Aid Organization

African Canadian Legal Clinic

African Centre for Community and Development

African Development Association

Agence de développement économique et culturel nord-sud

Agence pour le développement intégré au Congo

Agency for Cooperation and Research in Development

Aging Research Center

Agricultural Missions

AIDS Healthcare Foundation

Airline Ambassadors International

Al Zubair Charity Foundation

Alan Guttmacher Institute

Albert B. Sabin Vaccine Institute

Al-Haq

[1] The reports listed are for the 2012-2015 period unless stated otherwise.

All India Shah Behram Baug Society for Scientific and Educational Research

Alliance for Africa

Alliance for Arab Women

All-Russian Public Organization of Disabled People with Multiple Sclerosis

American Association of University Women

American Planning Association

Amizade

Amman Center for Human Rights Studies (2010-2013)

Apne Aap Women Worldwide (India) Trust

Arab Centre for the Independence of the Judiciary and the Legal Profession

Arab Penal Reform Organization

Architects for Peace

Arigatou International

Asabe Shehu Yar'Adua Foundation

Asia Crime Prevention Foundation

Asia-Japan Women's Resource Centre

Asian Consultancy on Tobacco Control

Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development

Asociación de Amigos de las Naciones Unidas

Asociación Mujeres Unidas para el Microcrédito

Asociación Regional de Empresas de Petroleo y Gas Natural en Latinoamérica y el Caribe

Assemblea delle Donne per lo Sviluppo e la Lotta Contro l'Esclusione Sociale

Associated Country Women of the World (2011-2014)

Association de l'intervention pour les mères

Association des jeunes pour l'agriculture du Mali

Association Dunenyo

Association for Progressive Communications (2011-2014)

Association for Social and Environmental Development

Association for the Prevention of Torture

Association of Families and Women in Rural Areas

Association of the Indigenous Peoples in the Ryukyus

Association pour l'intégration et le développement durable au Burundi

Association pour le développement de la société civile angolaise

Association tunisienne des droits de l'enfant

Autonomous Women's Center

AVSI Foundation

Awaz Centre for Development Services

Baltic Sea Forum

Beit Issie Shapiro — Amutat Avi

Biovision Stiftung für ökologische Entwicklung

Bischöfliches Hilfswerk Misereor

Bochasanwasi Shri Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha

British Humanist Association

Canadian Federation of Agriculture

Canadian Labour Congress

Cancer Aid Society

Captive Daughters

Caritas Internationalis (2011-2014)

Carter Center

Cenia for Organisational Development

Center for Africa Development and Progress

Center for Egyptian Women's Legal Assistance Foundation

Center for International Human Rights

Center for Justice and International Law

Center for Women's Global Leadership

Central British Fund for World Jewish Relief

Centre for Economic and Leadership Development

Centre for Environment and Development

Centre for Human Rights and Peace Advocacy

Centre for Social Research

Centre indépendant de recherches et d'initiatives pour le dialogue

Centro de Estudios Legales y Sociales

Centro UNESCO di Firenze

Cercle de recherche sur les droits et les devoirs de la personne humaine

Chabad: International Jewish Educational and Cultural Network

Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Production of the Argentine Republic

Chamber of Computer Logistics People Worldwide

Charitable Institute for Protecting Social Victims

Chicago TASC

Child Family Health International

Children Education and Social Welfare Society

Children International

China Association for Science and Technology

China Care and Compassion Society

China Society for Promotion of the Guangcai Programme

Climate Action Network Association

Comisión para la Investigación de Malos Tratos a las Mujeres

Compagnons d'action pour le développement familial

Concile mondial de congrès diplomatiques des aumôniers pour la paix universelle des droits humains et juridiques

Conectas Direitos Humanos (2010-2013)

Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd

Congress of Aboriginal Peoples

Conseil des jeunes congolais de l'étranger

Cooperazione Internazionale

Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service (2010-2013)

Corporación para la Defensa y Promoción de los Derechos Humanos — Reiniciar

Corporación para la Investigación, el Desarrollo Sostenible y la Promoción Social

Corps de réflexion et de planification pour l'utilité sociale

Credo-Action (2011-2014)

Cubraiti

Deutsche Model United Nations

Disarm Education Fund

Drug Abuse Information Rehabilitation and Research Centre

Eagle Eyes Association for Afghan Displaced Youth

Earth Child Institute

Earth Society Foundation

Eastern African Sub-Regional Support Initiative for the Advancement of Women

Ecoagriculture International

Ecumenical Federation of Constantinopolitans

Edmund Rice International

Egyptian AIDS Society

Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation

Endeavour Forum

Environmental Development Action in the Third World

European Federation of Older Students at Universities

European Network of Policewomen

European Union Association in the United States

Famille debout

Family Action Foundation

Federación de Mujeres Progresistas

Federación Española de Mujeres Directivas Ejecutivas Profesionales y Empresarias

Federación Estatal de Lesbianas, Gays, Transexuales y Bisexuales

Federatie van Nederlandse Verenigingen tot Integratie van Homoseksualiteit — COC Nederland

Federation of Environmental and Ecological Diversity for Agricultural Revampment and Human Rights

Federation of European Motorcyclists Associations

Federation of Western Thrace Turks in Europe (2010-2013)

Femmes solidaires

Fondation des œuvres pour la solidarité et le bien-être social

Fondation Ostad Elahi: éthique et solidarité humaine

Fondation pour l'étude des relations internationales et du développement

Fondazione Don Carlo Gnocchi

Food and Water Watch

Forest Stewardship Council

Forum for Women and Development — FOKUS (2011-2014)

Foundation ECPAT International

Foundation for GAIA

Foundation for Global Sports Development

Foundation for Human Horizon

Foundation for Subjective Experience and Research

Foundation for the Child and the Family

Foundation for the Social Promotion of Culture

Foundation for the Support of the United Nations

France terre d'asile

Franciscans International (2011-2014)

Fraternité Notre Dame

Freemuse: the World Forum on Music and Censorship

Fundação de Assistencia Medica Internacional

Fundación Argentina a las Naciones Camino a la Verdad

Fundación Cultural Baur

General Research Institute on the Convention on the Rights of the Child

Geneva Infant Feeding Association

Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition

Global Economist Forum

Global Eco-Village Network

Global Family for Love and Peace

Global Hand

Global Hope Network International

Global Policy Forum

Global Social Observatory

Global Sustainable Electricity Partnership/Partenariat mondial pour l'électricité durable

Globe Aware

Globethics.net Foundation

Goi Peace Foundation

Good Neighbors International

Gran Fraternidad Universal

Guru Angad Dev Sewa Society — Punjab, Ludhiana

Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society

Hong Kong Federation of Women

Hope Worldwide

Horizon Foundation

Housing Works

Human Rights Association for Community Development in Assiut

Human Rights Information and Training Center

Ibero American Institute of Aeronautic and Space Law and Commercial Aviation

IDP Foundation

Impact for Change and Development

Indian Development Foundation

Indian Social Institute

Indigenous Information Network

Indigenous Peoples Survival Foundation

Innovation: Africa

Institut international de sciences politiques

Institut Jules-Destrée

Institute for Conscious Global Change

Institute for Interreligious Dialogue

Institute for the Development of Education, Arts and Leisure

Institute of Asian Culture and Development

Institute of International Social Development

Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology

Institute of Social Studies Trust

Inter-American Statistical Institute

Intercambios

International AIDS Society

International Association against Painful Experiments on Animals

International Association for Democracy in Africa

International Association of Penal Law

International Automobile Federation

International Buddhist Relief Organisation

International Catholic Child Bureau

International Catholic Migration Commission

International Circle of Faith Chaplaincy Corps

International Commission of Catholic Prison Pastoral Care

International Council of Environmental Law

International Council on Alcohol and Addictions

International Council on Clean Transportation

International Federation of Beekeepers Associations

International HIV/AIDS Alliance

International Human Rights and Anti-Corruption Society

International Institute for Human Rights, Environment and Development

International Lactation Consultant Association

International Longevity Center Global Alliance

International Movement against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism

International Movement of Apostolate in the Independent Social Milieus

International Native Tradition Interchange

International NGO Forum on Indonesian Development

International Organization for Victim Assistance

International Police Association

International POPs Elimination Network

International Presentation Association

International Radio Emergency Support Coalition

International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims

International Risk Governance Council

International Youth Hostel Federation

Internationale Organisation für Volkskunst

ISIS: International Women's Information and Communication Service

Islamic Women's Institute of Iran

Istituto Internazionale Maria Ausiliatrice delle Salesiane di Don Bosco

IUS PRIMI VIRI International Association

Japan Council against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs (Gensuikyo)

Japanese Association for the Right to Freedom of Speech

Japanese Organization for International Cooperation in Family Planning

Japanese Workers Committee for Human Rights

Jeunesse horizon

Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice

KARP

Kejibaus Youth Development Initiative

Kenya Alliance for the Advancement of Children

Kerman Raad

Kindernothilfe

Kosmos Associates

Krityanand UNESCO Club Jamshedpur

Kuwait Association for the Basic Evaluators for Human Rights

Kyung Hee University

Land is Life

Lassalle-Institut

LDC Watch

Les enfants de Frankie

Liberian United Youth for Community Safety and Development

Licht für die Welt — Christoffel Entwicklungszusammenarbeit

Lutheran World Federation

Major Alliance Education Centre

Make Mothers Matter

Manavata

Match International Centre

Médecins du monde (international)

Mediators beyond Borders

Mother Care Foundation

Mother's Union

Mountain Institute

Movement for the Protection of the African Child

Movimiento Cubano por la Paz y la Soberanía de los Pueblos

Mundo sin Guerras

National Advocates for Pregnant Women

National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs

National Coalition against Racial Discrimination

National Council of Women of Great Britain

Network of Non-Governmental Organizations of Trinidad and Tobago for the Advancement of Women

New Future Foundation

NGO Coordination post Beijing Switzerland

NGO Health Committee

Ngoma Club

Nigeria-Togo Association

Nippon International Cooperation for Community Development

Norwegian Refugee Council

Observatorio Mexicano de la Crisis

ODHIKAR: Coalition for Human Rights

OISCA International, South India Chapter (2011-2014)

Okedongmu Children in Korea

Okogun Odigie Safewomb International Foundation

Organisation camerounaise pour la protection de l'arbre

Organisation pour la communication en Afrique et de promotion de la coopération économique internationale

Organisation technique européenne du pneumatique et de la jante

Pacific Disability Forum

Pan European Forest Certification Council

Partnership for Global Justice

Partnership for Indigenous Peoples Environment

Peace Education Foundation

Peace Operation Training Institute

Peace Parks Foundation

Peacebuilding Solutions

People for Successful Corean Reunification

People to People

People with Disabilities Uganda

Pesticide Action Nexus Association

Planetary Association for Clean Energy

Plataforma Portuguesa para os Direitos das Mulheres

Plateforme pour le développement durable des Caraïbes

Population Connection

Population Council

Pos Keadilan Peduli Ummat

Pragya

Priests for Life

Project One

Public Union of Citizens "International Centre of Education of Georgian and German Women"

Quaker Earthcare Witness

Rainforest Partnership

Release Legal Emergency and Drugs Service

Relief International

Research Centre for Feminist Action

Right to Play

Rural Development Organization

Salamander Trust

Saratoga Foundation for Women Worldwide

Scalabrini International Migration Network

Search for Common Ground

Shinji Shumeikai

Ship and Ocean Foundation

Sigma Theta Tau, National Honorary Society of Nursing

Sir William Beveridge Foundation

Smile Foundation

Social Action Forum for Manav Adhikar

Social Service Agency of the Protestant Church in Germany

Society for the Protection and Assistance of Socialy Disadvantaged Individuals

Society for the Protection of the Rights of the Chill

Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (2011-2014)

Society for Threatened Peoples (2005-2008)

Society of Catholic Medical Missionaries

Society Studies Centre

Solar Cookers International

Solidarité agissante pour le développement familial

Soroptimist International

Sri Swami Madhavananda World Peace Council

Stichting Global Reporting Initiative

Stichting Rutgers WPF

Stichting Spanda

Women and Modern World Centre

Women's Association of Macau

Women's Health and Education Organization

World Heart Federation

(e) To close without prejudice consideration of the requests for consultative status made by the following 31 non-governmental organizations after those organizations had failed, following three reminders over the course of two consecutive sessions of the Committee, to respond to queries posed to them by members of the Committee:

Association consortium pour les aires et territoires du patrimoine autochtone et communautaire

Association for Trauma Outreach and Prevention

Association mondiale pour l'échange culturel, artistique et artisanal

Association pour la solidarité et développement durable

Assyrian National Congress

Collectif des familles de disparu(e)s en Algérie

Connections for Afghanistan Research and Prosperity Organization

Crisis Management Initiative

Fon Foundation

Global Federation of Competitiveness Councils

HealthBridge Foundation of Canada

Human Aid UK

Humanity Family Foundation for Peace and Development

Institute for Multi-track Diplomacy

International Clergy Association

International Police Commission Philippine Command Association

Iraqi Association for Public Policy and Administration

Ishaatool Mohammadiya Research and Development Foundation, Shevgaon

Kepa Ry, Kepa Rf

Liberia Youth Initiative for Peace and Sustainable Development

Marijuana Policy Project

Media and Gender Enlightenment Initiative

Promundo-US

Public Interest Advocacy Centre

Re-evaluation Foundation

Stichting Child and Youth Finance International

Survivors Network of Those Abused by Priests

Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania

Vision Africa Give a Child a Future

World Christian Association for Peace and Assistance Ministry International

World Food Logistics Organization

(f) To close the applications of İstanbul Fikir Araştırmaları Derneği and Hazar Strateji Enstitüsü Derneği;

(g) Not to grant consultative status to the non-governmental organization Christian Solidarity Worldwide.

Draft decision II
Withdrawal of consultative status of the non-governmental organization Kimse Yok Mu

The Economic and Social Council decides to withdraw the consultative status of the non-governmental organization Kimse Yok Mu.

Draft decision III
Withdrawal of consultative status of the non-governmental organization Gazeteciler ve Yazarlar Vakfi*

The Economic and Social Council decides to withdraw the consultative status of the non-governmental organization Gazeteciler ve Yazarlar Vakfi.*

Draft decision IV
Withdrawal of consultative status of the non-governmental organization Turkiye Isadamlari ve Sanayiciler Konfederasyonu

The Economic and Social Council decides to withdraw the consultative status of the non-governmental organization Turkiye Isadamlari ve Sanayiciler Konfederasyonu.

Draft decision V
Refrain from contacting or communicating with the three organizations whose legal status has ceased to exist and, based on that, whose consultative status was recommended for withdrawal at the 1st meeting of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, held on 30 January 2017

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the decision by the Committee that it cannot contact or communicate with the three organizations whose legal status has ceased to exist and, based on that, whose consultative status was recommended for withdrawal at its 1st meeting, on 30 January 2017.

Draft decision VI
Request for withdrawal of consultative status

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the request for withdrawal of consultative status by the following non-governmental organization, which has ceased to exist:

Ellen Johnson Sirleaf Market Women's Fund

Draft decision VII
Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2017 regular session

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2017 regular session.

* The English translation of which is Journalists and Writers Foundation.

II. Applications for consultative status, requests for reclassification and quadrennial reports received from non-governmental organizations

2. The Committee considered agenda items 3 (a), Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee, and 3 (b), New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification, at its 2nd through 15th meetings, held from 30 January to 8 February 2017. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Compilation of applications received from non-governmental organizations for consultative status deferred from previous sessions of the Committee held from 2008 to 2015 (E/C.2/2017/CRP.1) and requests for reclassification deferred from 2012 to 2015 (E/C.2/2017/CRP.2);

(b) Memorandums by the Secretary-General containing new applications for consultative status received from non-governmental organizations (E/C.2/2017/R.2 and E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.1-28);

(c) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing new requests for reclassification to be considered by the Committee (E/C.2/2017/R.3);

(d) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing a new request for a merger (E/C.2/2017/R.4);

(e) Compilation of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council deferred from previous sessions of the Committee (E/C.2/2017/CRP.3);

(f) Notes by the Secretary-General containing quadrennial reports for the 2012-2015 period (E/C.2/2017/2 and E/C.2/2017/2/Add.1-23);

(g) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing requests from non-governmental organizations requesting a change of name (E/C.2/2017/CRP.4);

(h) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing a request from one non-governmental organization for withdrawal of its status (E/C.2/2017/CRP.5).

A. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee

3. The Committee considered item 3 (a) of its agenda, Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee, at its 7th to 11th, 14th and 15th meetings, held from 2 to 6 February and on 7 and 8 February 2017. The Committee considered a total of 235 deferred applications for consultative status.

Applications recommended

4. The Committee recommended that the Council grant consultative status to 74 organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (a)):

Special consultative status

Action sécurité éthique républicaines

Adaamasunle Foundation

Asistencia Legal por los Derechos Humanos

Association of Youths with Vision

Association pour le développement durable, la promotion des droits humains et la lutte contre la pauvreté

Association tunisienne de la santé de la réproduction

Ballerina Management Institute

Campanha Latino-Americana pelo Direito à Educação — Brasil

Caribbean Policy Development Centre

Centre for Convention on Democratic Integrity

Centre for Corrections and Human Development

Centre for Peace, Culture and Environmental Studies

Change Managers International Network

Child Soldiers International

Cities of Peace

Death Penalty Focus

Disability Organisations Joint Front

Entrepreneurship Development and Support Initiative

Environment Conservation Organization — Foundation for Afforestation, Wild Animals and Nature

Équilibres et populations

Europe Business Assembly

European Network on Independent Living

Fondation Kalipa pour le développement

Fondazione Proclade Internazionale

Forum Droghe Associazione Movimento per il Contenimento dei Danni

Girls Education Mission International

Global Initiative for Inclusive Information and Communication Technologies

Global Institute for Water, Environment and Health

Hacey's Health Initiative

Human Appeal International (United Kingdom)

International Association for Hospice and Palliative Care

International Human Rights Protector's Group

International Movement for Advancement of Education Culture Social and Economic Development

ISKCON Communications International

Jus Cogens

Kadın ve Demokrasi Derneği

Karlen Communications

Kids and Teens Resource Centre

Lady Fatemah (A.S.) Charitable Trust

Landsrådet for Norges barne-og ungdomsorganisasjoner

Leadership Initiative for Transformation and Empowerment

Leading Association Alryada for Development Studies and Human Rights

Legal Resources Centre

Let's Breakthrough

Light House

Lotus Initiative for the Blind

Monde des possibles

Mouvement de la paix

Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies

New Era Educational and Charitable Support Initiative

Next Century Foundation

Novant Health

P3 Foundation

People and Police for Egypt for Culture and Scientific Services

Prajachaitanya Yuvajana Sangam

Réseau national des organisations féminines pour la démocratie, la décentralisation, le développement durable et les droits humains du Mali (ou Réseau Wassa)

Results Educational Fund

RINJ Foundation

Save the Earth Cambodia

Society for Protection of Street and Working Children

Society to Heighten Awareness of Women and Children Abuse

Stichting War Child

Strategy for Mentoring Initiative and Leadership Empowerment

Truth Foundation

Ugonma Foundation

United States Pharmacopeial Convention

urbaMonde — Suisse

Women and Community Livelihood Foundation

Women Educators Association of Nigeria

Women Enabled

Women of Africa

Women with Disabilities Australia

World Forum for Ethics in Business

Zahra Trust

Applications deferred

5. The Committee deferred its consideration of the applications of the following 128 non-governmental organizations (NGOs), pending the receipt of responses to questions posed to them by the Committee during its 2017 regular session:

"SEG" Civil Society Support Center

Action against Hunger USA

Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty

Akhil Bharatiya Human Rights Organisation

Aleradah and Altageer National Society

Al-Marsad, Arab Centre for Human Rights in the Golan Heights

Ambedkar Center for Justice and Peace

Andrey Rylkov Foundation for Health and Social Justice

Anti-Corruption Foundation

Arab-European Center of Human Rights and International Law

Asia Center for Human Rights

Asociación Pro-Bienestar de la Familia Colombiana "Profamilia"

Association Concerning Sexual Violence against Women

Association for Human Rights and Solidarity with Oppressed People (MAZLUMDER)

Association pour la défense des droits de l'homme et des revendications démocratiques/culturelles du peuple Azerbaidjanais-Iran — "ARC"

Assyrian Aid Society of America

Bahrain Center for Human Rights

Bureau international pour le respect des droits de l'homme au Sahara Occidental

Cameroon League for Development

Center for Constitutional Rights

Center for Democracy and Technology

Center for Media and Peace Initiative

Center of Political Analysis and Information Security

Centre Zagros pour les droits de l'Homme

Christian Solidarity International

Citizens' Alliance for North Korean Human Rights

Conglomeration of Bengal's Hotel Owners

Congrès national des Arméniens occidentaux

Coordination Wal (Éveil) relative à l'unité nationale et la lutte contre l'esclavage

Coptic Solidarity

Creators Union of Arab

Dalit Welfare Organization

Danjuma Atta Eye Foundation

Dansk Flygtningehjælp

Database Center for North Korean Human Rights

Diplomatic Mission Peace and Prosperity

Droits de l'homme sans frontières

Eagleworth Human Empowerment Foundation

Education, Communication and Development Trust

Egyptian Centre for Human Rights

Electronic Frontier Foundation

Elige: Red de Jóvenes por los Derechos Sexuales y Reproductivos

Equipo Latinoamericano de Justicia y Género

Establishment of Sheikh Thani bin Abdullah Al Thani for Humaritarian Services

Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Network

European Muslims League

F W de Klerk Foundation Trust

Fair Trials International

Family Planning Association of Bangladesh

Federal Lezghin National and Cultural Autonomy

Femmes unies pour un avenir meilleur

Fondation Alkarama

Fundación Acción Pro Derechos Humanos

Gestos Soropositividade Comunicação e Gênero

Global Campaign for Education

Global Forum for Media Development

Global Initiative for Positive Change

Global Network of Sex Work Projects

Gulf Centre for Human Rights

Gulshan-e-John

Heal the Land Initiative in Nigeria

Heavenly Shower of Peace Church of God

Helsinki Citizens' Assembly Vanadzor Office

Hokok Coalición Internacional Contra la Impunidad

Inimõiguste Instituut

Insamlingsstiftelsen Kvinna till Kvinna

International Association for Religious Freedom, Coordinating Council for South Asia

International Association of Genocide Scholars

International Centre for Women Empowerment and Child Development

International Child Rights Center

International Dalit Solidarity Network

International Gulf Organization

International Human Rights Organization

International Non-Olympic Committee

International Non-Olympic University

Interregional Non-governmental Organization "Committee against Torture"

Iran Human Rights Documentation Center

Islamic African Relief Agency

James Madison University

Jubilee USA Network

Korea Human Rights Foundation

Mangfoldhuset

Medical Women's Association of Nigeria

Mittetulundusühing Fenno-Ugria Asutus

Muslim Aid

Muslim Hands

National Development Youth Club, Jaran Wali Gali Poonch

Neighbourhood Community Network

NK Watch

Pan African Institute for Entrepreneurship and Community Development

Parents and Friends of Ex-Gays and Gays

Partnership for Change

Peace Brigades International

Peace Islands Institute

Population Matters

Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church (USA)

Red de Jóvenes por los Derechos Sexuales y Reproductivos

Red de Seguridad y Defensa de América Latina

Sex og Samfund

Sheikh Eid Bin Mohammad Al Thani Charitable Association

Simons Foundation

Social Services Trust

Society for Environment and Development

Society for the Widows and Orphans

Society without Violence Non-Governmental Organization

Stichting Samenwerkingsverband IKV — Pax Christi

Strong Hearted Native Women's Coalition

Swadhikar

Syrian American Medical Society Foundation

Treatment and Rehabilitation Center for Victims of Torture

United Sikhs

Universal Rights Group

US Committee for Human Rights in North Korea

USA Refugees and Immigrants

V-Day Karama

Vang Pao Peace Institute

Vietnamese Overseas Initiative for Conscience Empowerment

Voice Society

We Care for Humanity

West Papua Interest Association

Women Living under Muslim Laws — International Solidarity Network

Women's Freedom Forum

Women's Voices Now

World Academy of Art and Science

World Association for Sexual Health

World Information Technology and Services Alliance

World without Genocide

Yay Gender Harmony

Applications closed

6. At its 15th meeting, on 8 February, the Committee decided to close without prejudice consideration of the applications of 31 NGOs that had not responded to the Committee's questions despite three reminders sent to the organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I (e)).

İstanbul Fikir Araştırmaları Derneği

7. At its 5th meeting, on 1 February 2017, the Committee considered the application of the non-governmental organization İstanbul Fikir Araştırmaları Derneği. The representative of Turkey reminded the Committee members about the letter (see annex I) it had circulated previously regarding the dissolution of the organization through a decree with force of law, which had been approved as law by the Turkish parliament and whereby the legal personality and activities of the organization had ceased to exist. She requested the Committee to recommend closing consideration of the organization's application.

8. The representative of the United States of America enquired whether there would be time for the organization to respond before the Committee made its decision, in line with what had been done in the past. In response, the Turkish

representative reiterated that the organization had ceased to exist and had no legal personality. The representative of India added that the Committee had had a detailed discussion on the issue and that if an organization was closed, there would be no one to contact.

9. The representative of the United States stated that, as mentioned on prior occasions, her country was gravely concerned about the crackdown on civil society and agreed to close an application only if the NGO was suspected of having links to terrorism. She expressed her delegation's concern that the NGO had not been given the opportunity to respond and that the Committee should therefore wait instead of rushing to make a decision.

10. Following these statements, the Committee decided by consensus to recommend the closure of the application.

Ilankai Thamil Sangam

11. At its 6th meeting, on 1 February 2017, the Committee considered the application of Ilankai Thamil Sangam. Assuming that there were no objections, the Chair gavelled the recommendation to grant special consultative status to the NGO. However, the representative of China had requested the floor to ask the NGO to explain its position with regard to the issue of Tibet Autonomous Region of China.

12. Since the Chair had already gavelled the recommendation, several Member States took the floor to voice their concerns about the appropriate time necessary for Committee members to consider an application and for the Chair to gavel the recommendation. The representatives of Greece and the United States maintained that, in accordance with the rules and procedures, once a decision was gavelled, it could not be taken back, while the representatives of Cuba and China stated that the speed with which the decision had been gavelled had not allowed sufficient time for the interpreters to finish translating the Chair's statement.

13. The representative of the Russian Federation stated that there should be a few seconds' delay between the time when a recommendation was made by the Chair and the actual gavelling of the decision so as to avoid rushing into a decision. The representative of India suggested that the Committee should not challenge the integrity of a Member State, and therefore China's question should be accommodated.

14. Given the lack of consensus among Committee members, the representative of China stressed that the problem had been caused by a technical error and, therefore, his country was obliged to ask for a vote, to give its delegation the opportunity to pose its question to the organization. The representative of the Russian Federation urged Member States to be flexible and avoid resorting to a vote on the issue. The representative of the United States stated that, in the past, the gavel had always served as the final ruling and the Committee could not go back to revisit decisions.

15. The Committee voted to overturn the Chair's decision by a roll-call vote of 12 to 4, with 2 abstentions. Of the 19 members of the Committee, 18 were present and voting. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Azerbaijan, Burundi, China, Cuba, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Mauritania, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Russian Federation, Sudan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

Against:

Greece, Israel, United States of America, Uruguay

Abstaining:

South Africa, Turkey

Absent:

Guinea

16. Following the vote, the representative of China repeated his question to the NGO, requesting the organization to explain its position with regard to Tibet Autonomous Region of China and to clarify its relations with the Dalai Lama and his separatist movement.

Hazar Strateji Enstitüsü Derneği

17. At its 7th meeting, on 2 February 2017, the Committee considered the application of Hazer Strategi Enstitüsü Derneği. The representative of Turkey stated that her country had previously informed Committee members, and had also circulated a letter (see annex I), about the dissolution of the organization through a decree with force of law, which had also been approved as law by the Turkish parliament and whereby the legal personality and activities of the organization had ceased to exist. She requested the closure of consideration of the organization's application. The representative of the United States took the floor to express her delegation's concern that the NGO had not been given the opportunity to respond and that the Committee should therefore wait until the following Tuesday instead of rushing to make a decision.

18. In response, the representative of Turkey maintained that, as a long-standing member of the Committee, her country valued and observed the rules of procedure and the practices of the Committee, but that in the present case, since the organization had been dissolved and its legal personality no longer existed, the expressed request did not apply. The representative of the United States in turn stated that her country wanted to be on record expressing its concern about the global crackdown on the participation of civil society and reiterated calls to follow proper procedures in the Committee.

19. Following these statements, the Committee decided by consensus to recommend the closure of the application.

Christian Solidarity Worldwide

20. At its 9th meeting, on 3 February 2017, the Committee considered the application of Christian Solidarity Worldwide. The representative of China posed a question to the organization requesting further information about its participation in the universal periodic review of the Human Rights Council.

21. The representative of Greece took the floor to state that his country attached major significance to promoting religious tolerance and countering any discrimination based on religion or belief. He stressed the importance of defending religious freedom in response to the rise of religious extremism in various parts of the world and the subsequent targeting of persons belonging to religious minorities.

22. He stated further that the NGO had over three decades of experience in advocating for freedom of religion and had engaged regularly with United Nations mechanisms to provide valid, evidence-based analysis. It had applied for consultative status eight years ago, in 2009, but a decision on the application had been deferred for 14 sessions, during which the organization had been asked more than 80, often repetitive, questions. The representative stated that, since the NGO had consistently cooperated with the Committee and responded in a timely and comprehensive manner to all the questions, consultative status should be recommended. He therefore requested a vote on the application, pursuant to rule 59

of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council. He added that Greece would vote yes and encouraged all delegations to join him.

23. The representative of Cuba stated the Committee should not be forced to make a decision, since the organization had not yet fulfilled the requirements for consultative status under Council resolution 1996/31. He recalled that the organization had been requested to explain its relationship with Christian Solidarity International and that, although the organization maintained that it had separated from Christian Solidarity International in 1999, no documentation had ever been provided as proof. He recalled further that the organization had not provided the Committee with basic documents such as a constitution, financial statements and a certificate of registration. With a view to clarifying matters relating to its functioning, establishment and election of members, and in order to verify information published on the organization's website and about its local partners, the Committee had found it necessary to request the NGO to clarify these matters on several occasions, and in many cases, more than three times. He stated that the response had been evasive and, even when there had been a response, Christian Solidarity Worldwide had indicated that it would not answer those questions. He contended that that was a break with past practice followed by the Committee under resolution 1996/31. He therefore maintained that his delegation was not in a position to make a decision and, as a result, would vote against the proposal.

24. The representative of Uruguay took the floor to state her support for granting status to Christian Solidarity Worldwide, noting that the organization complied with all the necessary requirements for consultative status in accordance with resolution 1996/31. She stated that the organization promoted freedom of religion and thought in all forms and that redundant questions were being posed to block the NGO from being granted status.

25. The representative of China made a statement before the vote, stating that his country maintained an open attitude towards applications for status from NGOs and had had an open and frank meeting with the organization. He pointed out that NGOs should comply with the requirements under resolution 1996/31, especially with respect to the purpose and principles of the Charter of the United Nations. He stressed that China's position with regard to the NGO was not based on considerations regarding freedom of belief or religion but on holding the organization to the criteria established in the resolution. Accordingly, his country would vote no because he believed that the organization was clearly not in compliance.

26. The representative of India agreed with China, stating that, while freedom of religion was a fundamental right in the constitution of India, the NGO had not provided satisfactory responses that fulfilled the requirements under resolution 1996/31. Therefore, his delegation would vote against granting status so that the NGO could be requested to answer further questions.

27. The Committee voted against the proposal by Greece to grant status to the NGO by a roll-call vote of 11 to 4, with 1 abstention. Of the 19 members of the Committee, 16 were present and voting. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Greece, Israel, United States of America, Uruguay

Against:

Burundi, China, Cuba, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Nicaragua, Pakistan, South Africa, Sudan, Turkey, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

Abstaining:

Russian Federation

Absent:

Azerbaijan, Guinea, Mauritania

28. Following the vote, the representative of Greece made a statement to express his deep disappointment that the Committee had decided not to grant consultative status to the organization. His delegation was convinced that the organization's contribution to the Council would be crucial on issues of freedom of religion or belief. He expressed his country's serious concern about the growing trend in the Committee to defer important and credible organizations for several sessions despite the fact that they had diligently answered all the questions posed and engaged constructively with members of the Committee. In that respect, he reiterated his country's long-standing position that the Committee should facilitate the access of NGOs to the United Nations and not obstruct them by deviating from the guiding principles laid down in resolution 1996/31. He stressed his country's particular concern regarding the delaying tactics used to defer applications through repetitive questions or inquiries that went beyond the information required under resolution 1996/31, and he hoped that the NGO would be granted consultative status by the Council at the soonest time possible.

29. The observer for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland took the floor to thank the representative of Greece for calling for a vote on the organization's application and all who had voted in favour. He stated that, since the organization had first applied in 2009, its application had gone through 14 sessions since 2010, during which it had diligently provided answers to 80, often repetitive, questions and had participated in the Committee's question-and-answer sessions on three occasions. He therefore maintained that there did not seem to be any questions left to be asked. He concluded by stating that the organization had fulfilled all the requirements under resolution 1996/31 and hoped that the Council would grant it status, given that the organization's work was rooted in the Charter of the United Nations and in article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Inimõiguste Instituut

30. At its 10th meeting, on 3 February 2017, the Committee considered the application of the non-governmental organization Inimõiguste Instituut. The representative of the Russian Federation requested the NGO to explain how, in implementing a project to protect the human rights of the Crimean Tatars, it was able to justify working with individuals who had been accused of blowing up electric lines connecting Crimea in the winter and who were therefore considered terrorists.

31. The observer for Estonia requested the floor to state that her country considered civil society to be a vital partner that offered data and other information that would otherwise be overlooked. She stated that the organization was the oldest NGO in Estonia and had been working on human rights issues in Estonia and around the world for many years. She expressed regret that its application had been postponed yet again for unclear reasons and urged the Committee to grant status to the organization. The request was seconded by the observers for Hungary and Finland and by a representative of the European Union, who all stated that the organization was doing commendable work and urged the Committee to fulfil its core mandate and recommend consultative status to the NGO.

32. The representative of the Russian Federation repeated his question to the NGO and asked that it be transmitted for a response.

Mittetulundusühing Fenno-Ugria Asutus

33. At its 10th meeting, on 3 February 2017, the Committee considered the application of the non-governmental organization Mittetulundusühing Fenno-Ugria Asutus.

34. The representative of the Russian Federation stated that in Karelia, in the Russian Federation, where the NGO also worked, regional authorities had drawn attention to the fact that many events organized by the organization could be classified as promoting separatism. He added that his Government was currently evaluating the activities of the NGO in order to make a decision. He went on to pose new questions to the NGO, stating that it had not responded satisfactorily to an earlier question posed by his delegation, particularly regarding the Fenno-Ugric people who were now stateless.

35. The observer for Hungary requested the floor to make a statement in support of the NGO, stating that her Government supported the application of the NGO, which was not only active in Estonia but also in Hungary and Finland, and that its activities fell within the competence of the Council. She explained that the organization cooperated closely with Hungarian organizations such as Reguly Társaság, Magyarok Világszövetsége and the Hungarian-Estonian Association (Ungari Eesti Selts) and that it was doing commendable work in preserving the small Finno-Ugric indigenous cultures and languages. She stated that the organization was an example of one that should clearly be recommended for consultative status and whose application had been pending since 2013. Given its established record of activities that were aligned with the goals of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, she urged the Committee to fulfil its core mandate, as set down by the Council, and defend and uphold the guiding principles of resolution 1996/31 by recommending consultative status for organizations such as Mittetulundusühing Fenno-Ugria Asutus.

36. The representative of the United States reminded the Committee that members had heard not only from Estonia but also from Hungary, Finland and the European Union, who had voiced their support for the application, which had been pending a decision since May 2014. She reiterated that, since indigenous issues were taken up regularly at the United Nations, it was important to have an organization that contributed to constructive discussions on those issues.

Green Light Project

37. At its 11th meeting, on 6 February 2017, the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran stated that, on 1 February 2017, the Committee had granted status to the organization Green Light Project, which was registered under the name of Robert Benton, its beneficiary. He added that it seemed that the name was being used as a cover-up to obtain status for another organization with no links to the Green Light Project or its beneficiary. The application and the supporting documents submitted to the Committee indicated that the organization that the Committee had granted status to was "Green Light Project, Inc." Moreover, the Green Light Project had clearly indicated in the application form that it had no affiliates.

38. The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran maintained that such dishonesty and dubious behaviour might constitute a fraudulent act intended to betray the trust of Member States and harm the integrity of the work of the Committee. He stated that his understanding was that the organization to which the Committee had granted status on 1 February was the "Green Light Project" and not any other entity. He added that his delegation would continue to monitor the work and performance of the NGO and its compliance with the provisions of resolution 1996/31.

B. New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification

39. The Committee considered item 3 (b) of its agenda, new applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification, at its 2nd to 6th, 13th and 14th meetings, held from 30 January to 1 February and on 7 February 2017. The Committee considered a total of 289 new applications for consultative status.

New applications recommended

40. Of the 289 non-governmental organizations whose new applications had been received, the Committee recommended that the following 195 should be granted consultative status with the Council (see chap. I, draft decision I, para. (a)):

Special consultative status

5 Gyres Institute

African Development Assistance Consult

African Green Foundation International

African Woman and Child Feature Service

Agence de développement économique et social

Agro Professional Care Foundation-Yola

Al Baraem Association for Charitable Work

Amis des enfants

Amis du Projet Imagine

Apostolic Ministerial International Network

Ashiana Collective Development Council

Asociatia Tehnopol Galati

Asocio Esperanto Radikala

Association AMOR

Association de l'éducation environnementale pour les futures générations

Association de lutte contre la pauvreté

Association des femmes pour la paix et encadrement des familles

Association for Development, Education and Labour

Association for Promotion Sustainable Development

Association for Rural Area Social Modification, Improvement and Nestling

Association gabonaise pour les Nations Unies

Association MIMAN

Association nationale des échanges entre jeunes

Association nationale du civisme

Association of Christian Counsellors of Nigeria

Association of the Egyptian Female Lawyers

Association pour l'éducation et la santé de la femme et de l'enfant

Association pour le développement culturel

Association respect Cameroun

Association solidarité pour les personnes vivant le veuvage

Association Un monde avenir

Associazione per i Diritti Umani e la Tolleranza

Avabe Initiative for Community Development

Bangladesh Jatiyo Mahila Ainjibi Samity

Barrackpore Elderly Care Society

Ben Newman Hope Care Foundation

Better World

Biedrība "Donum Animus"

Blessing for Romania World Ministry

Blood Donors Organisation for Social Service, Pakala

Books to Africa International

Build Africa

Bureau d'informations, formations, échanges et recherches pour le développement

Burleson Institute

Canadian Centre on Disability Studies

CDP Worldwide

Center for the Global Study of Social Enterprise

Center for the Human Rights of Users and Survivors of Psychiatry

Center of Food Industries Association

Centre africain d'échange culturel

Centre d'action pour le développement rural

Centre d'éducation et de développement pour les enfants mauriciens

Centre d'information et de promotion de l'image d'une nouvelle Afrique

Centre d'observation et de promotion de l'état de droit

Centre for Gerontological Studies

Centre for Women Studies and Intervention

Chikka Federation of India

Combite pour la paix et le développement

Community Active in Development Association

Community Research and Development Organization

Congregation of the Mission

Congressional Black Caucus Political Education and Leadership Institute

Consultation Evaluation Education

Coordination nationale des associations des consommateurs

Cornerstone Mount Group

Council of Technical Education and Training

Cultural Meeting Foundation

Department of Political Science and Public Administration of the University of Athens Alumni Association

DESSI International

DHRUVH-Social Awareness Forum

Diligent Care for Creative Intelligence Development

Disability Rights Fund

Distance Education for Africa

DIYNGO

Drug Policy Australia

Dynamic Youth Development Organization

East Africa Consortium International

El Ghad Essihi pour le développement et la protection de l'environnement en Mauritanie

Enosh — Israeli Mental Health Association

Equal Rights for Persons with Disabilities International

ERAN — "Israel's Association for Emotional First Aid via the Telephone, in memory of Dr. A. Zaslany"

EUROGEO

Fairways Accommodation Support Trust

Fédération internationale des coalitions pour la diversité culturelle

Finance Center for South-South Cooperation

First Ladies' Initiative

Fondation espoir et vie

Fondation vivons ensemble

Foundation for Disabled Women

Foundation of International Servant Leadership Exchange Association

Friendasia

Fundação Museu do Futuro

Fundacja Instytut na rzecz Kultury Prawnej Ordo Iuris

Global Fund for Widows

Global Health Review

Grameen Development and Poverty Alleviation Sangstha

Green Light Project

Guinée humanitaire

Habitat Alliance

Hashoo Foundation

Heal the Planet Global Organisation

Health of Mother Earth Foundation

Healthy Caribbean Coalition

Hip-Hop Dance Conservatory Foundation

Holly Heart United

Holt Children's Services

Holt International Children's Services

Honeypot Village

Human Development Society, the Gambia

Human Rights Consortium

Humanitarian Ambassadors

Idara-i-Talim-o-Aaghai (Centre for Education and Consciousness) Public Trust

Initiative: Eau

Institute for Youth Development

International Emergency and Development Aid

International Institute of Space Law

International Network of Women Engineers and Scientists

International Port Community Systems Association

International Society for the Study of Trauma and Dissociation

Kathak Academy

Kırmızı Biber Derneği

Kuwaiti Society for Autism

Le pont

Lightup Foundation

Maawandoon

Maher

Major Groups Partnership on Forests

Makhzoumi Foundation

Man Up Campaign US

Manav Seva Sansthan

Mandala Transformation Foundation

Manusher Jonno Foundation

Marin Experimental Teaching, Training and Advising Center

Mayan Families

National Council of Catholic Women

National Organization for Global Education

National Society for Human Rights

Newline Social Organization

Observatoire du crime organisé

Onhappy Corporation

Organisation constellée pour le développement économique et social de la commune des Gonaïves

Organisation mauritanienne pour la lutte contre l'extrémisme et pour l'appui à l'unité nationale

Organisation non gouvernementale des cercles nationaux de réflexion sur la jeunesse

Orphelins, déplacés et incarcérés de Côte d'Ivoire

Partnership Network International

Peace and Development Organization

Peace and Livelihood Support Organisation

Peacebuilders International

People of Good Heart

Pleaders of Children and Elderly People at Risk "PEPAINGO"

Public Association Women's Organization "ALGA"

Quintessential Business Women Association

RADION International Foundation

Regional Institute of Health, Medicine and Research

Réseau communautaire pour le pauvre

Réseau des femmes africaines pour la gestion communautaire des forêts

Réseau guinéen des organisations des personnes handicapées pour la promotion de la convention internationale sur les droits des personnes handicapées

Rural Planning and Developmental Organization

Rural Relief Foundation

Rural Women's Network Nepal

Rwanda Women Community Development Network

Safe Campaign

SEALOEarth Corporation

SERAC-Bangladesh

Seventh Generation Fund for Indigenous Peoples

Shirazi Foundation

ShOObh Group Welfare Society

Sivil Yaşam Derneği

Social Economic and Governance Promotion Centre

Society of Research Administrators International

SOS Rassismus und Diskriminierung Schweiz

South Caucasus Office on Drugs and Crime

Special Talent Exchange Programme

Stichting KidsRights

Sukalyan Welfare Society

Sulabh International Centre for Action Sociology

Sustainable Development for Vulnerable Peoples in Bangladesh

Swasti

Takshila Education

Tamil Uzhagam

Thalassaemia International Federation

Translators without Borders — US

Türkiye İ. Kadınları Derneği

Turnstone Global

Ukrainian Charity Fund "Social Partnership"

Unchained at Last

Union C

United Zo Organization (USA)

UP Planning and Development Research Foundation

US Climate Plan

Utpidit Samaj Sarokar Kendra, Pokhara

Virutcham Magalir Munnetra Kalzangiam

World Peace Volunteers

World Share

Young Heart Foundation

New applications deferred

41. The Committee deferred its consideration of the applications of the following 93 non-governmental organizations pending receipt of responses to questions posed to them by the Committee during its 2017 regular session:

Action pour la promotion du développement

Africa Youth Growth Foundation

African Women Chartered Accountants Forum

Aid Organization

AIM Education and Research Society

Albert Kunstadter Family Foundation

Al-Hasaniya Moroccan Women's Project

Alliance des avocats pour les droits de l'homme

Alliance internationale pour la défense des droits et des libertés

Alliance pour la solidarité et le partage en Afrique-Jeunesse pour intégration culturelle et sociale

American Human Rights Council

AMPHTS

Arab Council for Supporting Fair Trials

Association d'assistance aux grands handicapés à domicile

Association de la continuité des générations

Association M'zab prévention routière et développement

Association marocaine de planification familiale

Association organisation populaire pour l'enseignement des droits humains

Canadian Council for Refugees

Caribbean Natural Resources Institute

Center for Assistance to Justice and Animation for Development

Comisión Unidos Vs Trata

Comité des observateurs des droits de l'homme

Community Empowerment and Development Initiative, Warri

Council for a Parliament of World Religions

Deutsche Welthungerhilfe

Diakonia

Dream Touch for All

Drishti Foundation Trust

Embajada Mundial de Activistas por la Paz

Emmanuel Development Association

Emperor Gaza International Foundation

European Centre for Democracy and Human Rights

Family Life Association of Swaziland

Family Policy Institute

Formation Awareness and Community Empowerment Society Pakistan

GenderCC — Women for Climate Justice

Global Peace Foundation

Ilankai Thamil Sangam

Imam Khomeini Relief Foundation

INA (Māori, Indigenous and South Pacific) HIV/AIDS Foundation

Initiative for Youth Awareness on Climate Change

Initiative pour le développement de l'Afrique

Institut international de recherches pour la paix à Genève

International Centre for Development Initiatives

International Centre for Leadership Development Nigeria

International Human Rights Council

International Mayor Communication Centre

International Right of Way Association

Jerusalem Institute of Justice

Jeunesse étudiante tamoule

JP Foundation

Keeping Children Safe

Legal Advice Centre

Malteser International

Millennium Network for Community Development Initiative

Mkokoteni Aid Development Organization

National Centre for Promotion of Employment for Disabled People

Navjivan Foundation

NDLH International — Network of International Diplomacy, International Law and Human Rights

New Woman Foundation

Niger Delta Budget Monitoring Group

Nigerian Council

Orion Projects Private

Orji Uzor Kalu Foundation

Pak Special Persons Welfare Society

Pak Women

Pakistan International — Human Rights Organization

Pan African Climate Justice Alliance

Pirate Parties International Headquarters

Red Elephant Foundation

Reprieve

Reviving Hope Uganda

Right Livelihood Award Foundation

Rights and Resources Institute

Roads of Success

Rwenzori Center for Research and Advocacy

SAE International

Saviour USA — One World Charity

Settlement Services International

Slum Child Foundation

Solidarity for Peace and Reunification of Korea

Somali Youth Development Foundation

Standards Charter

Stichting Pro Papua

Trust in Development

White Ribbon Alliance for Safe Motherhood

Women and Child Watch Initiatives

Women's Rights and Health Project

World Learning

Youth for a Better World

Youth in Action Balochistan

Youth RISE

Requests for reclassification

42. At its 6th and 11th meetings, on 1 and 6 February, the Committee considered five requests for reclassification of consultative status, including three new requests, as contained in document E/C.2/2017/R.3, and two deferred requests, as contained in document E/C.2/2017/CRP.2. It decided to defer its consideration of the application for reclassification of status of the following three non-governmental organizations, pending the receipt of responses to questions posed by the Committee:

International Campaign to Ban Landmines

Universal Peace Federation

Widows for Peace through Democracy

Request for merger

43. At its 7th meeting, on 2 February, the Committee considered one new application for a merger of the Social Service Agency of the Protestant Church in Germany (in special consultative status) with the Protestant Development Service (organization not in status with the Council) to form the Protestant Agency for Diakonie and Development. It decided to defer its consideration of the application for a merger, pending receipt of responses to questions posed by the Committee.

Requests for a change of name

44. At its 13th meeting, on 7 February, the Committee considered seven new requests for a change of name by organizations in consultative status, as contained in document E/C.2/2017/CRP.4. It decided to take note of the change of name of six of the organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (c)) and to defer its consideration of the request for a change of name by the following organization, pending the receipt of responses to questions posed by the Committee:

Catholic Family and Human Rights Institute to C-Fam

Requests for withdrawal of consultative status

45. At its 13th meeting, on 7 February, the Committee took note of the request for withdrawal of consultative status by one non-governmental organization (see chap. I, draft decision VI).

III. Quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council

A. Quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council that had been deferred at the resumed session

46. At its 12th and 13th meetings, held on 6 and 7 February, the Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General containing a compilation of 90 quadrennial reports, submitted by non-governmental organizations in general and special consultative status on their activities during the period 1998-2014, which had been deferred from previous sessions of the Committee (see E/C.2/2017/CRP.3). Of the 90 reports, the Committee took note of the reports of the following 16 organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (d)):

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (2011-2014)

Amman Center for Human Rights Studies (2010-2013)

Associated Country Women of the World (2011-2014)

Association for Progressive Communications (2011-2014)

Caritas Internationalis (2011-2014)

Conectas Direitos Humanos (2010-2013)

Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service (2010-2013)

Credo-Action (2011-2014)

Federation of Western Thrace Turks in Europe (2010-2013)

Forum for Women and Development — FOKUS (2011-2014)

Franciscans International (2011-2014)

Lassalle-Institut (2011-2014)

OISCA International, South India Chapter (2011-2014)

Priests for Life (2011-2014)

Society for Threatened Peoples (2005-2008)

Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (2011-2014)

47. The Committee decided to defer further consideration of the 74 deferred quadrennial reports submitted by the following 61 non-governmental organizations:

AARP (2011-2014)

Amnesty International (2008-2011)

Armenian Assembly of America (2007-2010)

Armenian Assembly of America (2011-2014)

Asociatia Pro Democratia (2007-2010)

Catholics for Choice (2010-2013)

Catolicas por el Derecho a Decidir (2009-2012)

Centrist Democratic International (1998-2001)

Centrist Democratic International (2002-2005)

Centrist Democratic International (2006-2009)

Centrist Democratic International (2010-2013)

Club of Madrid (2011-2014)

Conscience and Peace Tax International (2011-2014)

Cross-Cultural Solutions (2011-2014)

EarthRights International (2008-2011)

Egyptian Organization for Human Rights (2010-2013)

End Human Trafficking Now (2007-2010)

European Centre for Law and Justice (2011-2014)

Federación Internacional de Fe y Alegría (2011-2014)

France libertés: Fondation Danielle Mitterrand (2007-2010)

France libertés: Fondation Danielle Mitterrand (2011-2014)

Freedom House (2007-2010)

Freedom House (2011-2014)

Global Environmental Action (2009-2012)

Heritage Foundation (2011-2014)

Human Rights First (2007-2010)

Human Rights First (2011-2014)

Human Rights House Foundation (2011-2014)

Human Rights Watch (2009-2012)

Institute of Inter-Balkan Relations (2010-2013

International Association for Religious Freedom (2011-2014)

International Bar Association (2011-2014)

International Commission of Jurists (2009-2012)

International Federation of Journalists (2005-2008)

International Federation of Journalists (2009-2012)

International Fellowship of Reconciliation (2011-2014)

International PEN (2006-2009)

International Press Institute (2001-2004)

International Press Institute (2005-2008)

International Press Institute (2009-2012)

International Service for Human Rights (2011-2014)

International Social Service (2011-2014)

International Union of Socialist Youth (2005-2008)

Kimse Yok Mu (2010-2013)

Medical Women's International Association (2011-2014)

Minhaj-ul-Quran International (2011-2014)

National Council of Women of Thailand (2000-2003)

Nonviolent Peaceforce (2011-2014)

Organization for Industrial, Spiritual and Cultural Advancement — International (2011-2014)

Pathfinder International (2011-2014)

Pax Christi International (2011-2014)

Physicians for Human Rights (2011-2014)

Planned Parenthood Federation of America (2011-2014)

Redress Trust (2011-2014)

Reporters sans frontières international (2005-2008)

Reporters sans frontières international (2009-2012)

Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights (2009-2012)

Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (2011-2014)

Simon Wiesenthal Center (2011-2014)

Simply Help (2009-2012)

Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology (2011-2014)

Sulabh International (2011-2014)

Tandem Project (2011-2014)

Temple of Understanding (2011-2014)

Ukrainian World Congress (2003-2006)

Ukrainian World Congress (2007-2010)

Ukrainian World Congress (2011-2014)

Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (2009-2012)

Women for Women's Human Rights — New Ways (2009-2012)

World Alliance of Young Men's Christian Associations (2011-2014)

World Council of Arameans (Syriacs) (2007-2010)

World Jewish Congress (2011-2014)

World Organisation against Torture (2010-2013)

World Safety Organization (2011-2014)

B. Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council

48. At its 11th and 12th meetings, on 6 February, the Committee considered agenda item 4 (b), Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council. It had before it notes by the Secretary-General containing 360 new quadrennial reports (E/C.2/2017/2 and E/C.2/2017/2/Add.1-23). The Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of 336 of the organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (d)). The Committee decided to defer consideration of the reports of the following 24 non-governmental organizations:

Advocates for Human Rights (2012-2015)

Amnesty International (2012-2015)

Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (2012-2015)

Centre for Human Rights (2012-2015)

Christian Conference of Asia (2012-2015)

CIVICUS: World Alliance for Citizen Participation (2012-2015)

East and Horn of Africa Human Rights Defenders Project (2012-2015)

Foundation for Human Rights and Freedoms and Humanitarian Relief (2012-2015)

Front Line: International Foundation for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders (2012-2015)

Gazeteciler ve Yazarlar Vakfi (2012-2015)[2]

Human Rights Now (2012-2015)

International Association for Media and Communication Research (2012-2015)

International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children (2012-2015)

International Council on Social Welfare (2012-2015)

International Federation for Human Rights Leagues (2012-2015)

International Humanist and Ethical Union (2012-2015)

Iraqi Development Organization (2012-2015)

Lawyers Without Borders (2012-2015)

Mahila Dakshata Samiti (2012-2015)

Minority Rights Group (2012-2015)

People's Solidarity for Participatory Democracy (2012-2015)

Restless Development (2012-2015)

World Habitat Foundation (2012-2015)

World Hunger Year (2012-2015)

[2] The organization's quadrennial report for the period 2012-2015 was deferred by the Committee, pending the decision by the Council on the recommended withdrawal of its consultative status.

IV. Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat

49. At its 1st meeting, on 30 January, the Committee jointly considered agenda item 5, Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and agenda item 8, General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network, and heard oral reports made by the Secretariat.

50. The Branch highlighted the lack of adequate resources to deliver on a steadily increasing volume of work, including the processing of applications and quadrennial reports from NGOs every year, as well as the related support for the Committee's paperless system. Particular urgency was emphasized for the current session, given the fact that the workload of the Branch in 2017 far exceeded its capacity to deliver on its commitments with no concomitant increases in its resources. Under the circumstances, the potential for a backlog in the submission of applications had increased significantly, leading to inordinate delays for NGOs in obtaining consultative status with the Council, as highlighted by the Director of the Office for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs in his opening statement, as well as by the Under Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs in a letter to the Chair of the Committee. The Committee was therefore encouraged to consider ways to support the Branch's efforts to enable it to fully meet its obligations under resolution 1996/31.

V. Review of the methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Council resolution 1996/31, including the process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations, and Council decision 1995/304

51. Based on a request from the representative of China to turn off the live video feed of the question-and-answer segment of the Committee session on 6 February 2017, a provisional, compromise solution, reached by consensus, was found according to which the screens in the conference room would display the applications from the NGOs considered. In the future, the Committee would consider the issue at a meeting on the methods of work so that the Committee can work effectively on the matter at the beginning of its next session. The solution reached for the current session was transitional.

VI. Consideration of special reports and complaints by Member States

52. At its 1st meeting, on 30 January 2017, the Committee took up agenda item 7, Consideration of special reports. The representative of Turkey referred to a letter dated 23 January 2017 (see annex II) that had been circulated previously to members of the Committee and that contained a request for the withdrawal of status of three Turkish organizations in consultative status with the Council. The organizations had been closed on the grounds of having membership in, or affiliations or connections with, the Fetullahist Terrorist Organization (FETO), which had staged the failed coup attempt of 15 July 2016 against the constitutional

order of Turkey. Stating that the purpose of her delegation's intervention that day, as well as of the circulated letter, was to notify the Committee about the current legal status of the organizations concerned, namely Kimse Yok Mu, Gazetecilar ve Yazarlar Vakfi* and Turkiye Isadamlari ve Sanayiciler Konfederasyonu, she added that the relevant decree with force of law regarding the closures had been issued on 23 July 2016 and approved as law by the Turkish parliament. As a result, the three organizations had been dissolved. Accordingly, their legal personality and activities and, hence, the basis for their consultative status, had ceased to exist. The representatives of Azerbaijan, India, Pakistan and Burundi voiced their support for the request from Turkey.

53. The representative of the United States took the floor to request that more information be solicited from the NGOs before continuing the discussion, citing the seriousness of the charges, and suggested following the rules of procedure and past practice of the Committee. In providing information regarding past practice, the Secretary of the Committee explained that there had been a similar request regarding an NGO in consultative status two years earlier. At the time, the Committee had agreed to seek clarification from the NGO concerned before proceeding to a recommendation to withdraw its consultative status, which it did a week later, after receiving a response. The difference in the present case, he clarified, was that an immediate withdrawal of status of the NGOs was requested.

54. In support of the request from Turkey, the representative of China expressed his view that the explanation from Turkey was sufficient to justify the request for withdrawal since the three NGOs no longer conformed to paragraph 2 of resolution 1996/31. The representative of the United States responded that the question was not about substance but precedent. She noted that, in the case of the Journalists and Writers Foundation, the dissolving of an organization was not a technical matter, and since the NGO was now registered in the United States, it did still exist. She added that Turkey had also refused to provide any details of the non-governmental organization's links to terrorism. Her delegation, therefore, did not agree with the technical arguments and would continue to oppose the motion.

55. The representative of the Sudan supported Turkey's request. The representative of Cuba acknowledged the serious allegations and thanked the Secretary for the precedent cited, which had involved an NGO that did not belong to a country of one of the members of the Committee. However, in the present case, the country involved was a member of the Committee and could brief it directly. The situation was therefore different.

56. The representative of Turkey took the floor to explain that the three organizations had been closed following a legal decree in Turkey, reiterating that they no longer had "legal personalities" and therefore had no basis for maintaining consultative status. She added that, with regard to the organization referred to by the representative of the United States, at the time of application and when granted consultative status, it had been registered only in Turkey, with its headquarters in Turkey. She added that, since the basis for awarding consultative status had been its registration in Turkey, and since that registration no longer existed, its status should be withdrawn immediately.

57. In its statement supporting Turkey, the representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela stated that it was standard practice for an NGO to be registered in a given country and to notify the Committee when it relocated to another country.

* The English translation of which is Journalists and Writers Foundation.

58. That statement was followed by a renewed request from the representative of the United States for more information from the NGOs and to follow the rules of procedures and precedent. She thereby objected to the request from Turkey. The representative of the Sudan maintained that, since the NGOs no longer existed, the Committee must move directly to a vote.

59. The Chair explained that a vote had been requested to recommend the withdrawal of status of all three organizations to the Council, at which point the representative of the United States requested a point of order, assuming that the initial proposal was to move immediately to withdrawal of status, to which the United States had already objected. She requested the Chair to clarify whether the Committee should vote now or solicit information from the NGOs first in accordance with paragraph 56 of resolution 1996/31, quoting from the resolution that the NGO "shall be given written reasons for that decision and shall have an opportunity to present its response".

60. The representative of the Sudan stated that there could be two votes, the first on whether the Committee should vote on the request by the representative of the United States, followed by a second vote on whether to withdraw the consultative status.

61. Following these statements, a vote was called to postpone action as requested by the United States. The proposal to postpone the vote was rejected by a roll-call vote of 14 to 2, with 2 abstentions. Of the 19 members of the Committee, 18 were present and voting. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Israel, United States of America

Against:

Azerbaijan, Burundi, China, Cuba, Guinea, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Mauritania, Nicaragua, Pakistan, South Africa, Sudan, Turkey, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

Abstaining:

Russian Federation, Uruguay

Absent:

Greece

62. Following the vote, the Committee proceeded to vote to withdraw the consultative status of the three organizations, one by one. On the first organization, Kimse Yok Mu, the request by Turkey to withdraw its consultative status was recommended by a roll-call vote of 16 to none, with 2 abstentions. Of the 19 members of the Committee, 18 were present and voting. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Azerbaijan, Burundi, China, Cuba, Greece, Guinea, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Mauritania, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Russian Federation, South Africa, Sudan, Turkey, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

Abstaining:

United States of America, Uruguay

Absent:

Israel

63. Before proceeding to the next vote, the representative of the United States expressed her delegation's concern about the global crackdown on civil society organizations and the closing of civic space, explaining that the United States only opposed accreditation or the revocation of accreditation of NGOs based on concerns

of terrorism or related criminal activities. In the case of the previous vote, even though she was concerned about the decision to not follow precedent, her delegation had abstained, since the NGO was no longer operational and no longer held registration in any Member State.

64. Before the third vote, the representative of Turkey explained that the vote was to withdraw the consultative status of the organization known under its Turkish name, Gazeteciler ve Yazarlar Vakfi, as listed in document E/2015/INF/5, as well as in the report of the Committee on its 2012 regular session. The representative of the United States stated that the NGO should be called the Journalists and Writers Foundation, as listed in the database of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch.[3] The representative of the United States expressed her country's regret that the Committee had not had more time to review the letter presented on the Journalists and Writers Foundation and that the NGO had not been allowed to respond to the allegations made in the letter. She continued that the NGO could not be closed on technical grounds because it was registered in the United States and continued to operate from its headquarters in New York. She listed a number of events that the NGO had recently participated in from its New York headquarters and again asked for more time to hear from the organization. The representative of Turkey stated that, since the basis for the organization's consultative status, namely, its registration in Turkey, had ceased to exist, its consultative status should accordingly be withdrawn, adding that it also had no legal personality as such. The representative of Turkey also stated that the name of the organization under which it had been granted status in 2012 was in Turkish and that the English version was a translation; therefore, for the sake of clarity, the original name of the organization should be reflected, with the English translation in parentheses.

65. Following these statements, the request by Turkey to withdraw the consultative status of Gazeteciler ve Yazarlar Vakfi* was recommended by a roll-call vote of 16 to 2, with 1 abstention. Of the 19 members of the Committee, all were present and voting. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Azerbaijan, Burundi, China, Cuba, Greece, Guinea, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Mauritania, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Russian Federation, South Africa, Sudan, Turkey, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

Against:

Israel, United States of America

Abstaining:

Uruguay

66. In moving to the next vote, on Turkiye Isadamlari ve Sanayiciler Konfederasyonu, the representative of the United States took the floor to once again express her delegation's concern about the global crackdown on civil society organizations and the closing of civic space. She further explained that the United States only opposed accreditation or the revocation of accreditation of NGOs based on concerns of terrorism or related criminal activities, but even though she was concerned about the decision to not follow the precedent, the United States would abstain, since the NGO was no longer operational.

67. The request by Turkey to withdraw the consultative status of Turkiye Isadamlari ve Sanayiciler Konfederasyonu was recommended by a roll-call vote of

* The English translation of which is Journalists and Writers Foundation.

[3] The database referred to is the integrated Civil Society Organizations (iCSO) System database used by the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Office for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

16 to none, with 2 abstentions. Of the 19 members of the Committee, 18 were present and voting. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Azerbaijan, Burundi, China, Cuba, Greece, Guinea, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Mauritania, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Russian Federation, South Africa, Sudan, Turkey, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

Against:

None

Abstaining:

United States of America, Uruguay

Absent:

Israel

68. Following the vote, the Chair stated that the NGOs concerned should be provided written notification as expeditiously as possible, to which the representative of Turkey objected, maintaining that since these organizations had been dissolved, they did not legally exist and that, as a result, the referenced paragraph of the resolution did not apply. She added that the report of the Committee would also serve as the official declaration of all the decisions taken by the Committee. The representative of the United States insisted that the Committee follow paragraph 56 of resolution 1996/31, emphasizing that the organizations should be provided written reasons and that the Council was the only body authorized to change the procedures it itself had laid down.

69. At its 2nd meeting, on 30 January 2017, the Committee continued the discussions from the first meeting. The representative of Turkey took the floor to state that paragraph 56 of resolution 1996/31 did not apply with regard to communicating the decision of the Committee to withdraw status to the organizations concerned because the organizations had ceased to exist and did not have any legal standing.

70. In response, the representative of the United States reiterated that no decision to the effect that the organization did not exist had been taken in the 1st meeting and that the decision in the morning had been to recommend that the Council withdraw accreditation. In turn, the representative of Turkey quoted paragraph 15 of the resolution, which stated that the granting, suspension and withdrawal of consultative status, as well as the interpretation of norms and decisions relating to that matter, were the prerogative of Member States exercised through the Council and its Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations. She added that the Committee had discussed the issue and had already taken a decision on it through its procedural vote in its previous meeting.

71. The representatives of India, Pakistan and Azerbaijan questioned the rationale for contacting entities that were no longer in existence.

72. The representative of the United States emphasized that the Committee's role was to make a recommendation only. Ultimately, it was for the Council to take a decision. He stated further that the decision taken earlier by the Committee had not been that the three organizations no longer existed, particularly with respect to one of the organizations, but had been solely on the withdrawal of status. He therefore urged the Committee to follow due process all the way through, as articulated in the resolution, since resolution 1996/31 was being applied to the organizations for purposes of seeking to withdraw their status, and by the same token, the procedural elements of 1996/31 must also be applied.

73. In response, the representative of China took the floor in support of Turkey, stating that there was no need to revisit the decision taken earlier, while Cuba added that there seemed to be a "legal void" in the resolution with regard to NGOs that had ceased to exist. The representative of the United States once again took the floor to state that his position was that the question discussed in the earlier session was not relevant to the question of allowing NGOs to respond after a recommendation for withdrawal of status, but rather had concerned whether to take an immediate decision on such withdrawal. He also disagreed about there being a legal void in the resolution, reiterating that, as a subsidiary body, the Committee was not competent to override the provisions of a Council resolution.

74. The representative of Turkey maintained that paragraph 15 was quite clear about the prerogative of Member States on the interpretation of norms and decisions related to the granting, suspension and withdrawal of status, adding that a majority of Member States were leaning towards that interpretation, and requested that the matter be put to a vote. On a point of order, the representative of the United States stated that if it was a proposal to overrule a resolution of the parent body, namely, the Council, then it was beyond the competence of the Committee to make such decisions. The representative of Turkey responded that paragraph 15 provided Member States, through the Committee and the Council, the prerogative to decide on such matters.

75. Citing inconsistency with paragraph 56 of the resolution, the representative of the United States said that it contradicted the authority of the Council and moved to challenge the competence of the Committee to take the action that Turkey proposed. The Committee voted against the motion by a roll-call vote of 14 to 2, with 1 abstention. Of the 19 members of the Committee, 17 were present and voting. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Israel, United States of America

Against:

Azerbaijan, Burundi, China, Cuba, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Mauritania, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Russian Federation, South Africa, Sudan, Turkey, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

Abstaining:

Uruguay

Absent:

Greece, Guinea

76. The Committee then proceeded to a vote on the motion from Turkey, whereby the Committee would decide that it could not contact or communicate with the three organizations whose legal status had ceased to exist and, based on that, whose consultative status had been recommended for withdrawal in the morning session of the Committee. The Committee voted in support of the motion by a roll-call vote of 13 to 2, with 2 abstentions. Of the 19 members of the Committee, 17 were present and voting. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Azerbaijan, Burundi, China, Cuba, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Mauritania, Nicaragua, Pakistan, South Africa, Sudan, Turkey, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

Against:

Israel, United States of America

Abstaining:

Russian Federation, Uruguay

Absent:

Greece, Guinea

77. In explaining his vote, the representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela stated that his delegation had voted in favour of the proposal in order to be consistent with the votes taken earlier in the session on those NGOs. He explained that his country's vote did not violate resolution 1996/31 because he believed that there was a legal void in the resolution and the Committee was acting in accordance with its mandate.

VII. Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

78. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations held its 2017 regular session from 30 January to 8 February and on 24 February. The Committee held 16 meetings.

79. The session was opened by the Chair of the 2016 session of the Committee, Jorge Dotta (Uruguay).

80. At the 1st meeting, on 30 January, the Chair of the Committee made a statement, following an introductory statement by the Director of the Office for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination.

B. Attendance

81. The session was attended by all 19 members of the Committee. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations, observers for non-member States, and representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and of non-governmental organizations also attended. The list of participants will be issued in document E/C.2/2017/INF/1.

82. At its 2017 regular session, the Committee heard 15 representatives of non-governmental organizations, who were given the opportunity to respond to questions raised by the Committee. The additional information provided by the representatives facilitated the debate and the work of the Committee in taking its decisions.

C. Election of officers

83. At its 1st meeting, on 30 January, the Committee elected Jorge Dotta (Uruguay) as Chair of the Committee.

84. Also at the 1st meeting, the Committee elected Ceren Hande Özgür (Turkey) as Vice-Chair of the Committee. At its 10th meeting, on 3 February, it elected Farid Jabrayilov (Azerbaijan) as Vice-Chair of the Committee. The Committee elected these officers for both its regular and resumed sessions of 2017. Two Vice-Chairs remain to be elected.

85. Also at the 10th meeting, the Committee took note of the announcement made by the Chair that Mr. Jabrayilov had also agreed to serve as Rapporteur of the Committee.

D. Agenda

86. At its 1st meeting, on 30 January 2017, the Committee approved the provisional agenda for its 2017 session, as contained in document E/C.2/2017/1. The agenda reads as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations:
   (a) Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee;
   (b) New applications for consultative status andnew requests for reclassification;
   (c) Applications of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council that have merged with non-governmental organizations without such consultative status.
4. Quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council:
   (a) Deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council;
   (b) Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council.
5. Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat.
6. Review of the methods of work of the Committee implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, including the process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations, and Council decision 1995/304:
   (a) Process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations;
   (b) Consideration of issues on the agenda of the informal working group;
   (c) Other related matters.
7. Consideration of special reports.
8. General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network.
9. Provisional agenda and documentation for the 2018 session of the Committee.
10. Adoption of the report of the Committee.

VIII. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its 2017 regular session

87. At its 15th meeting, on 8 February 2017, the Committee took note of the draft report and authorized the Rapporteur to finalize the report with the support of the Secretariat and in consultation with the members of the Committee, as appropriate, with a view to its submission to the Economic and Social Council for appropriate action.

88. The date of the 16th meeting of the Committee was changed from 21 to 24 February 2017 for technical reasons. At its 16th meeting, on 24 February 2017, the Committee adopted the present report.

Annex I

Letter dated 31 January 2017 from the Deputy Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Acting Chief of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch

I would like to inform you that, in accordance with part 2, article 2 of the Decree with Force of Law No. 667 (Decree Law No. 667) issued by the Turkish Council of Ministers on 23 July 2016 and approved by the Turkish Grand National Assembly as a law, the foundations and associations and their commercial enterprises listed in annex III thereof have been closed down on the grounds of having membership in, affiliation or connection with Fetullahist Terrorist Organization (FETO), which staged the failed coup attempt of 15 July 2016 against the constitutional order in Turkey.

Two of those organizations, the names of which are as follows, have pending applications for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council. These applications had been submitted before the issuance of Decree Law No. 667.

– İstanbul Fikir Araştırmaları Derneği — İSFAM

– Hazar Strateji Enstitüsü Derneği

As a result of Decree Law No. 667, the above-mentioned organizations have been dissolved. Accordingly, their legal personality and activities as such have ceased to exist.

In the light of the above, the Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations requests the closure of the consideration of the applications in question.

I kindly request that the present letter be brought to the attention of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations during its regular session, to be held from 30 January to 8 February 2017.

(*Signed*) Güven **Begeç**
Deputy Permanent Representative

Annex II

Letter dated 23 January 2017 from the Deputy Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

I would like to inform you that, in accordance with part 2, article 2 of the Decree with Force of Law No. 667 (Decree Law No. 667) issued by the Turkish Council of Ministers on 23 July 2016 and approved by the Turkish Grand National Assembly as a law, the foundations and associations and their commercial enterprises listed in annex III thereof have been closed down on the grounds of having membership in, affiliation or connection with Fetullahist Terrorist Organization (FETO), which staged the failed coup attempt of 15 July 2016 against the constitutional order in Turkey.

Three of those organizations, the names of which are as follows, are in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council:

– "Kimse Yok Mu" Dayanışma ve Yardımlaşma Derneği

– "Gazeteciler ve Yazarlar Vakfı"

– "Türkiye İşadamları ve Sanayiciler Konfederasyonu"

As a result of Decree Law No. 667, the above-mentioned organizations have been dissolved. Accordingly, their legal personality and activities as such, and hence the basis for their consultative status, have ceased to exist.

In the light of the above, as well as the provisions of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, the Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations requests the withdrawal of the consultative status of the organizations in question.

I kindly request that the present letter be brought to the attention of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations during its regular session, to be held from 30 January to 8 February 2017.

(*Signed*) Güven **Begeç**
Deputy Permanent Representative